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RESTRICTIONS ON CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

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1. ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTEL B, ON OCTOBER 1, 1975,
WE INFORMED THE COMMISSION THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD DECIDED
TO REQUEST GATT ARTICLE XXIII (1) CONSULTATIONS ON THE EC
IMPORT SYSTEM FOR PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AND THAT A
FORMAL REQUEST WOULD BE MADE SHORTLY.

2. ACTING UNDER THE INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTEL A, WE INFORMED
THE COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 11 THAT THE UNITED STATES PROPOSES
THAT SUCH CONSULTATIONS BE HELD DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 8
IN EITHER WASHINGTON OR BRUSSELS. LOERKE, EC COMMISSION US
DESK OFFICER, TOOK NOTE OF OUR REQUEST AND SAID THAT HE WOULD
RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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3. SINCE OUR OCTOBER APPROACH TO THE COMMISSION STATED THAT A "FORMAL REQUEST" WOULD BE MADE SHORTLY AND SINCE ARTICLE XXIII (1) CALLS FOR "WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS OR PROPOSALS," THE MISSION REQUESTS THAT WASHINGTON PREPARE THE TEXT OF SUCH A NOTE AND FORWARD IT TO US FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE COMMUNITY. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE NOTE WERE AS PRECISE AS POSSIBLE ABOUT THE CAUSE OF THE US COMPLAINT, I.E., THE RECENT COUNCIL DECISION ON PRESERVED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES ESTABLISHED A MINIMUM IMPORT PRICE FOR ONE COMMODITY, TOMATO CONCENTRATES. IT ALSO ESTABLISHED A SYSTEM OF IMPORT LICENSES REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN OTHER PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES (INCLUDING CANNED PEACHES) TO BE ISSUED AFTER 5 DAYS EXCEPT WHEN THE EC RESORTS TO SAFEGUARD ACTION. OUR COMPLAINT SHOULD TAKE THESE POINTS INTO ACCOUNT, SO THAT THE CONSULTATIONS CAN CONCENTRATE ON ASPECTS OF THE EC REGULATION THAT CANNOT BE LIGHTLY DISMISSED AS INACCURATE DESCRIPTIONS.MORRIS

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